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L A T E C A B L E S . . .

Harvesting of grain in Canadian Prairie Provinces advanced rapidly during the week ended August 31, especially in Manitoba and Saskatchewan, where warm dry weather permitted the work to go forward without interruption. Wheat yields in Manitoba generally satisfactory, as to both quantity and quality except in dry areas. In Saskatchewan, quality of grain good but average yields low. Cool, rainy weather delayed maturity in Alberta, but good wheat yields are expected if favorable weather prevails. Grasshopper damage fairly extensive throughout the three Provinces with indications pointing to a heavy infestation next season. (Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa.)

Preliminary Soviet official estimate of the "biological " crop of all grains (in which large harvesting losses are not, as a rule, taken into account) exceeds 7 billion poods (126,000,000 short tons), or 50 percent above last year. This estimate, however, is considered far too optimistic. Large harvesting losses are expected. See "Foreign Crops and Markets" for July 26, 1937, p. 46. (Berlin office, Bureau of Agricultural Economics.)

England and Wales hops acreage in 1937 placed by British Ministry at 18,070 compared with 18,030 acres in 1936. (Agricultural Attaché C. C. Taylor, London.)

Southern Rhodesia tobacco auction closed August 14. Total auction sales 18,560,000 pounds, about same quantity as last year. All possible scrap sold. Season price average 10.176 pence (about 20.86 cents) per pound, 43 percent above last year. Strong market for medium and lower cigarette grades. (P. G. Minneman, tobacco specialist, London.)

Sydney wool sales opened August 30. Competition good. Continent and Yorkshire chief buyers. Japan not operating. Compared with closing previous series June 10, prices par to 5 percent higher. (Agricultural Attaché C. C. Taylor, London.)

Germany announces a reduction of 9 percent in the price of cell-wool a synthetic substitute for raw cotton made from cellulose. Effective September 1, the price was 145 pfennigs per kilo (about 26 cents per pound) against the former price of 160 pfennigs per kilo (about 29 cents per pound) for Quality B. That quality represents 80 percent of the total production of cellwool, and is the grade used in the cotton-textile industry. Prices of other grades have been reduced correspondingly. (Agricultural Attaché L. V. Steere, Berlin.)

COTTON

Manchurian cotton acreage shows slight increase

Cotton acreage in Manchuria this season is estimated at 10 percent above that of 1936, according to a report received from Owen L. Dawson, Agricultural Commissioner at Shanghai. The area for last year was reported at 200,000 acres compared with 166,000 as the average for the 3 years, 1933-1935. With favorable climatic conditions, the 1937 crop is expected to reach about 85,000 bales (478 pounds net) compared with 67,000 bales produced last season and 56,000 as the average for 1933-1935.

A 20-year cotton program was launched by the new government in Manchuria in 1933, with a view to expanding plantings until they reached 735,000 acres by 1950. The plan anticipated a crop by 1950 of approximately 415,000 bales of lint, which would be equivalent to a yield of about 270 pounds per acre. During the 4 years, 1933-1936, since the inauguration of the expansion program, the yield has averaged only 161.6 pounds of lint per acre. During the same period, the yield in the United States has averaged 192.1 pounds.

Because of unfavorable weather in Manchuria during recent years, farmers have not secured large enough returns from cotton to change extensively from other crops to cotton. Some authorities in Manchuria believe that it is undesirable to attempt to expand cotton acreage rapidly until further experimental work has been carried on for at least 4 or 5 years to acclimatize successfully suitable varieties and strains.

There are five cotton mills located in Manchuria with a total of 180,000 spindles and 2,400 looms. The present estimated consumption of raw cotton by these mills is 136,000 bales annually. It is estimated that about 115,000 bales of raw cotton will be imported into Manchuria during the 1936-37 crop year (October to September). Only a small percentage of the domestic crop is now used by Manchurian mills, while the remainder is consumed largely in household industries.

MANCHURIA: Imports of raw cotton, October-April, 1935-36 and 1936-37
(In bales of 478 pounds net)

Source	October - April	
	1935-36	1936-37
	Bales	Bales
China.....	16,505	24,005
Chosen.....	146	197
India.....	41,650	66,654
United States.....	1,630	5,848
Other countries.....	83	981
Total.....	60,014	97,685

"Manchoukuo" Monthly Foreign Trade Returns.

FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND NUTS

Canadian fruit crops larger

The apple, peach, and plum crops in Canada are reported larger this year than in 1936, but pear production will be slightly smaller than last year, according to the Agricultural Branch of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Approximate percentage increases above the 1936 production figures are for apples 25 percent, for peaches 46 percent, and for plums and prunes 36 percent. Because of the comparatively small crop of pears in Ontario, total pear production for the Dominion will be about 7 percent below that of last year.

CANADA: Estimates of fruit production by Provinces,
1935 - 1937

Item and Province	1935	1936	1937 <u>a/</u>
<u>Apples</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>	<u>Bushels</u>
Nova Scotia.....	5,400,000	5,250,000	7,200,000
New Brunswick.....	97,500	87,000	121,800
Quebec.....	666,000	273,000	519,000
Ontario.....	2,181,000	2,110,500	2,194,500
British Columbia.....	5,144,700	4,625,100	5,403,000
Total.....	13,489,200	12,345,600	15,438,300
<u>Peaches</u>			
Ontario.....	575,000	402,300	503,000
British Columbia.....	44,600	27,870	125,330
Total.....	619,600	430,170	628,330
<u>Pears</u>			
Ontario.....	190,000	196,800	147,600
British Columbia.....	226,100	224,300	245,600
Total.....	416,100	421,100	393,200
<u>Plums and prunes</u>			
Ontario.....	110,000	41,200	58,900
British Columbia.....	145,100	102,460	136,830
Total.....	255,100	143,660	195,730

Compiled by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in cooperation with the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture. a/ Preliminary.

Cuban exports of avocados to United States heavy

Exports of avocados from Cuba to the United States amounted to 4,473,650 pounds during the period June 1 - July 31, the largest quantity shipped in a like period since 1933, according to a communication from Harold S. Tewell, American Consul at Habana. Voluntary restrictions have been in effect this season, limiting the minimum size of the fruit exported to New York to 16 ounces each, that to Florida to 15 ounces, and that to New Orleans to 14 ounces. These voluntary restrictions on size

will probably continue until the end of the season, although existing regulations permit the export of fruit weighing as little as 12 ounces.

LIVESTOCK, MEATS, AND WOOL

Shanghai dried egg situation

Shanghai stocks of dried eggs in all forms were reported normal for the season at the middle of August when hostilities started in that area, according to a radiogram received from the Shanghai office of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Shanghai is the most important egg-drying center in China. Almost the entire stocks are in the fighting zone and in danger of destruction by fire and shelling. Shipments prior to the beginning of hostilities were not large, and removal from storage for shipment has since been impossible. Plants are not operating, and supplies of fresh eggs for drying are practically nil.

United States quota for beef cattle filled early

Imports of beef cattle under the low-duty quota during July and the first 2 weeks of August were four times as large as the corresponding imports in 1936. As a result, the quota of 155,799 head was filled about August 12 or 13 as against November 28-30 last year. Imports of cattle in this weight group ran below those of 1936 until the end of June; but in July they were higher than in any other month of 1937 except January, whereas last year such imports declined drastically after June 30. Imports of heavy beef cattle from Canada this year have accounted for 84.3 percent of the total as against nearly 86 percent in 1936. Mexican cattle made up a correspondingly larger proportion of the quota this year than last.

UNITED STATES: Imports of beef cattle weighing 700 pounds or more, January 1 - August 14, 1937, with comparisons.

Period	Canada		Mexico		Total	
	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937
	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number	Number
January.....	8,574	21,536	2,319	6,327	10,893	27,872
February.....	8,683	14,120	3,291	3,475	11,974	17,595
March.....	14,604	14,150	6,053	4,352	20,664	18,502
April.....	34,370	11,152	3,191	3,549	37,563	14,732
May.....	23,747	12,710	4,027	4,841	27,785	17,562
June.....	20,738	11,098	666	986	21,413	12,084
To June 30.....	110,716	84,766	19,547	23,530	130,292	108,347
July 1 - Aug. 14..	10,624	46,899	313	846	10,908	47,694
To August 14.....	121,340	131,665	19,860	24,376	141,200	156,041

January - June figures from official records of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce; July 1 - August 14 figures from preliminary reports of the Customs Bureau.

AUSTRIA: Area and production of specified grains, 1932-1937

Year	Wheat (winter)		Rye (winter)		Barley					
					Winter		Spring		Total	
	Area	Produc-	Area	Produc-	Area	Produc-	Area	Produc-	Area	Produc-
	1,000 acres	1,000 bushels	1,000 acres	1,000 bushels	1,000 acres	1,000 bushels	1,000 acres	1,000 bushels	1,000 acres	1,000 bushels
1932.....	515	11,886	916	23,543	18	506	405	12,083	423	12,589
1933.....	523	14,225	917	26,314	20	601	403	14,690	423	15,291
1934.....	546	12,783	901	21,853	21	588	391	12,950	412	13,538
1935.....	569	14,844	886	23,684	22	620	380	11,795	402	12,415
1936.....	592	12,816	905	17,503	21	551	373	11,074	394	11,625
1937.....	597	13,375	755	16,141	25	689	372	11,620	397	12,309

International Institute of Agriculture, Rome.

WHEAT, INCLUDING FLOUR: Shipments from principal exporting countries
as given by current trade sources, 1935-36 to 1937-38

Country	Total shipments		Shipments 1937 week ended			Shipments July 1-Aug. 28	
	1935-36	1936-37	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	1936	1937
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
North America a/.....	220,464	225,902	2,518	3,870	2,851	50,104	21,791
Canada,						c/	c/
4 markets b/.....	246,199	194,531	1,417	678	---	38,003	8,673
United States d/.....	7,219	10,049	1,529	1,293	---	c/ 957	c/ 6,741
Argentina.....	78,312	164,678	876	853	951	8,576	6,736
Australia.....	110,576	105,835	1,472	917	1,440	9,496	11,325
U.S.S.R.....	29,024	88	0	88	456	0	728
Danube and Bulgaria e/	8,312	65,544	584	872	1,544	6,248	4,848
British	d/	d/ f/					
India.....	2,556	12,258	336	352	248	496	4,720
Total g/.....	442,244	574,306				74,920	50,148
Total European						h/	h/
shipments a/.....	360,264	484,600	5,048			40,696	29,256
Total ex-European						h/	h/
shipments a/.....	131,760	127,192	1,496			20,672	9,344

Compiled from official and trade sources. a/ Broomhall's Corn Trade News.
b/ Fort William, Port Arthur, Vancouver, Prince Rupert, and New Westminster.
c/ To August 21. d/ Official. e/ Black Sea shipments only. f/ Total of 9
months. g/ Total of trade figures includes North America as reported by
Broomhall. h/ To August 14.

WHEAT: Closing Saturday prices of September futures a/

Date	Chicago		Kansas City		Minneapolis		Winnipeg b/		Liverpool b/		Buenos Aires c/	
	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
High d/.....	114	128	118	124	132	144	108	146	117	145	e/117	126
Low d/.....	97	104	93	98	110	114	84	122	89	123	e/ 92	120
Aug. 7.....	112	113	115	106	131	125	104	125	116	128	f/107	123
14.....	111	112	117	104	129	122	101	129	112	128	f/110	123
21.....	113	106	116	99	128	114	100	123	112	124	106	124
28.....	110	104	112	98	128	114	96	122	107	125	102	123

a/ October futures for Winnipeg and Liverpool. b/ Conversions at noon buying rate of exchange. c/ Prices are of day previous to other prices. d/ July 1 to date. e/ September and October futures. f/ October futures.

WHEAT: Weighted average cash price at stated markets

Week ended	All classes and grades six markets		No. 2 Hard Winter Kansas City		No. 1 Dk.N.Spring Minneapolis		No. 2 Hard Amber Durum Minneapolis		No. 2 Red Winter St. Louis		Western White Seattle a/	
	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
High b/.....	128	123	126	125	150	156	166	148	120	128	100	117
Low b/.....	99	107	100	108	124	130	125	115	96	107	82	97
Aug. 7.....	127	107	122	113	150	139	166	138	116	114	97	102
14.....	128	107	122	112	144	137	148	124	118	111	97	101
21.....	127	107	126	109	144	130	144	121	120	109	100	97
28.....	121	110	120	108	143	130	143	115	117	107	96	-

a/ Weekly average of daily cash quotations, basis No. 1 sacked. b/ July 1 to date.

RUMANIA: Production of specified grains, 1932-1937.

Year	Wheat	Rye	Barley	Corn
	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1932.....	55,537	10,513	67,385	235,930
1933.....	119,072	17,555	86,543	179,298
1934.....	76,553	8,308	40,019	190,783
1935.....	96,439	12,724	42,430	211,767
1936.....	128,715	17,842	74,033	220,932
1937.....	135,987	17,401	39,086	165,463

FEED GRAINS AND RYE: Weekly average price per bushel of corn, rye, oats, and barley at leading markets a/

Week ended	Corn						Rye		Oats		Barley	
	Chicago				Buenos Aires		Minneapolis		Chicago		Minneapolis	
	No. 3 Yellow		Futures		Futures		No. 2		No. 3 White		No. 2	
	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937	1936	1937
	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents	Cents
High b/..	118	138	114	127	54	57	84	117	44	55	125	137
Low b/...	59	103	58	95	43	54	48	75	25	30	58	61
			Sept.	Sept.	Sept.	Sept.						
July 31..	99	103	97	95	c/49	55	79	83	39	31	92	71
Aug. 7..	111	110	106	98	c/53	55	83	79	44	30	107	67
14..	110	-	106	100	c/51	56	80	81	44	30	125	62
21..	118	105	114	97	54	54	84	75	46	31	128	61
28..	114	104	110	97	52	54	82	74	45	30	129	62

a/ Cash prices are weighted averages of reported sales; future prices are simple averages of daily quotations. b/ For period January 1 to latest date shown.

c/ August delivery.

FEED GRAINS: Movement from principal exporting countries

Commodity and country	Exports for year		Shipments 1937, week ended a/			Exports as far as reported		
	1935-36	1936-37	Aug. 14	Aug. 21	Aug. 28	July 1 to	1936-37 b/	1937-38 b/
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000		1,000	1,000
BARLEY, EXPORTS: c/	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels		bushels	bushels
United States..	9,886	5,153	344	83	--	Aug. 21	1,305	1,127
Canada.....	6,882	18,880				July 31	1,892	568
Argentina.....	9,994	14,668	87	9	--	Aug. 21	938	441
Danube & U.S.S.R.	41,090	26,315	1,040	1,032	792	Aug. 28	2,400	4,373
Total.....	67,852	65,016						
OATS, EXPORTS: c/								
United States..	1,429	912	324	85	--	Aug. 21	8	472
Canada.....	14,892	10,257				July 31	1,771	722
Argentina.....	10,855	24,600	49	0	28	Aug. 28	662	2,509
Danube & U.S.S.R.	1,390	940	60	0	0	Aug. 28	170	160
Total.....	28,566	36,709						
CORN, EXPORTS: d/	1934-35	1935-36				Nov. 1 to		
United States..	880	885	2	3	--	Aug. 21	717	251
Danube & U.S.S.R.	14,939	14,984	204	9	196	Aug. 28	13,275	24,227
Argentina.....	266,143	307,638	7,614	7,389	6,744	Aug. 28	222,792	329,810
South Africa...	21,882	8,913	1,207	1,657	1,302	Aug. 28	7,247	13,324
Total.....	293,844	332,420						
United States imports.....	41,141	24,521				June 30	9,405	62,858

Compiled from official and trade sources. a/ The weeks shown in these columns are nearest to the date shown. b/ Preliminary. c/ Year beginning July 1. d/ Year beginning November 1.

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